

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-15, 17-22, 42-46 and 48-54 are to be pending in this application, after entry of this amendment.

Claims 1-4, 8-15, 42-46 and 49-54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Miller et al.* (EP 0 674 993 A2 hereinafter *Miller*) in view of *Imanaka et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,116,714 hereinafter *Imanaka*). Claims 5-7, 16-18 and 47-48 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 23-25

Applicant has canceled claims 23-25 without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation on these claims.

Independent Claims 1, 6, 14, 19 and 42

Applicant notes with appreciation that on page 5 of the final Office Action, claims 5-7, 16-18 and 47-48 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has rewritten some of these claims in independent form. Specifically, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the features of claim 5. Applicant has rewritten claim 6 in independent form. Applicant has amended claim 14 to include the features of claim 16. Claim 19 includes similar features as amended claim 14 and should be allowable for similar reasons. Applicant has amended claim 42 to include the features of claim 47.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that claims 1, 6, 14, 19 and 42 should be allowable.

Dependent Claims 2, 4, 7-13, 15, 17, 18, 20-22, 43-46 and 48-54

Claims 2, 4, 7-13, 15, 17, 18, 20-22, 43-46 and 48-54 depend from independent claims 1, 6, 14, 19 and 42. All of these dependent claims define the inkjet printhead with greater particularity and thus further distinguish over *Miller*, *Imanaka*, and the other references of record. For this reason, and for the reasons set forth above with respect to the independent claims, the rejection of these dependent claims should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes an interview would be helpful to advance this case, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,


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